Panhandle Sun

The Newsletter of the Panhandle Library System

After twenty-five years of dedication and service to the Kimball community and

Nebraska libraries, Carolyn Brown has announced that she is leaving the area for new adventures. I officially announced the news last month over the PLS mailing list. Since then, many librarians have expressed to me their sorrow over the loss of a great Nebraska librarian. Carolyn has been a very active member within the Panhandle Library System. She also served on the PLS Board. Her contributions will surely be missed.

Carolyn first started work with Kimball Public Library was as a Part-time children's librarian. Prior to taking the children's librarian position, Carolyn owned and managed a private preschool in town. The children's position was a nice transition. Little did she know, seven years later she would accept the position of Library Director! When describing her job, Carolyn says she "does it all". He favorite part of library work is "working with the people and the community, making them happy." Carolyn says that she has grown professionally since her

first day as Director, and she has enjoyed sharing and working with the Panhandle group of librarians.

I asked Carolyn to describe her most outstanding project as Director. Although there were many noteworthy tasks to recall, she most fondly remembers the "big test" that happened right after becoming Director. Just six months after Carolyn was hired as Director, a major renovation took place at the Kimball Library. The library was gutted, with new carpeting, paint, and electrical fixtures. Staff worked out of a temporary location. Carolyn made certain that the library stayed open during the whole process. The "big test" was to see if she could make it through the huge project successfully. She passed...with flying colors!

New adventures will begin this March, as Carolyn moves to Midland, Texas. She says she is ready to leave the management field and is looking forward to volunteer work. Besides volunteering at the American Cancer Society and local libraries, she also plans to learn how to quilt. Carolyn says, "It's good timing." Her daughter will graduate from the University of Hawaii this year with a Masters in Library Science. Carolyn looks forward to passing the torch to her daughter.

You will have a chance to say farewell to Carolyn February 22nd. The Panhandle Library System is hosting a workshop at the Kimball Public Library on using new technologies in the library. This will give everyone a chance to learn about library technology trends, and to say good-bye to Carolyn. There is more information about the program inside this newsletter. Be sure to call the PLS office to register for the workshop.

Margie Harrison

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Upcoming Events

February 20, 2010 UNO Technology Workshop

Location: Gering High School, 1500 U Street, Gering, NE

Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon

Topic: Podcasting and Web 2.0 applications (Presented by Karen Hein-Instructor/UNO)

RSVP: Karen Hein (khein@unomaha.edu) by Wednesday, February 17, 2010

February 22, 2010 Using New Technologies In Your Library—A Workshop

Location: Kimball Public Library, 208 S. Walnut, Kimball, NE

Time: 10:00 am—12 noon

Topic: E-Readers, E-Books, Down loadable Audiobooks (also say good-bye to Carolyn Brown)

Contact: PLS Office at 308-632-1350 or jclapper@charterinternet.com

March 9, 2010 Panhandle Library System Board Meeting

Location: Bluffs Business Center, 1517 Broadway, Scottsbluff-Main Floor Conference Room

Time: 10:00 am

Contact: PLS Office 308-632-1350 or 888-879-5303 or jclapper@charterinternet.com

March 22, 2010 Summer Reading Program Workshop

Location: Gering Public Library, 1055 P Street, Gering, NE

Time: 9:30 am

Topic: "Make A Splash" – READ! Sally Snyder will be doing book reviews, Jody Crocker will present craft

and project ideas, and a panel of PLS librarians will share ideas for terrific Summer Reading programs.

Contact: PLS Office 308-632-1350 or 888-879-5303 or jclapper@charterinternet.com

March 23, 2010 Job-a-Like

Location: North Platte Valley Museum, 11th & J Streets, Gering, NE

Time: 5:30 pm Cost for dinner - \$8.50 Catered by The Gering Civic Center

RSVP by Thursday, March 18, 2010 to the PLS Office 308-632-1350 or 888-879-5303

or <u>iclapper@charterinternet.com</u>

March 31, April 7, April 14, 2010 Basic Skills Training – Organization of Materials

Location: Alliance Public Library, 1750 Sweetwater Ave, Suite 101, Alliance, NE

Time each day: 10:00 am to Noon and 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Cost: The registration fee is \$35.00, which includes instructional materials that will be provided to each

participant. Payment is due prior to the first day of class. Register via the NLC website at: http://

www.nlc.state.ne.us and click on "Library Training".

April 29, 2010 Trustee Training and Board Development

Location: North Platte Community College, 1101 Halligan Dr #102, North Platte, NE

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm Morning Session 1:00pm -4:00pm Afternoon Session Cost - \$5.00

Lunch: 12:00 - 1:00pm (on your own)

Mail registration to: Meridian Library System, 3423 2nd Avenue, Suite 6, Kearney, NE 68847 or

Phone 1-800-657-2192 or 308-234-2087 or meridian@frontiernet by Friday, April 23, 2010

Request for Comment: Public Library Accreditation Guidelines

The current *Guidelines for Public Library Accreditation* were approved by the Nebraska Library Commissioners May 14, 2004. It is now time to look at them again to see if any changes might be in order. Go to the live link below to enter any comments you wish. You'll notice that the guidelines are listed as they appear in the print version. The comment period on these guidelines ends October 31, 2010 after which they will be submitted to the Commissioners for their consideration.



The Nebraska Library Commission will be holding sessions throughout the state to generate discussion and gain input from Nebraska librarians regarding *Guidelines for Public Library Accreditation*. Richard Miller, Library Development Director, will be coming to Scottsbluff this summer to lead a discussion. Accreditation will also be a topic on the agenda of the NLA Public Library Trustee Section Spring Meeting on May 4 in Gering. If you have any questions about Public Library Accreditation, contact Richard Miller. To post comments go to http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/accreditation/guidelinescomment2011.asp



Librarians talk about weeding at the Broadwater Public Library.

Merrillene Wood—Your New SACL Representative

The Nebraska Library Commission board recently appointed Merrillene Wood to the State Advisory Council on Libraries. The term is for three years beginning now and continuing through December, 2013. Merrillene works at Western Nebraska Community College in Sidney as the Learning Resource Director

The State Advisory Council on Libraries includes twenty members representative of Nebraska libraries of all types and representatives of the general public with regional coverage across the state. The Council advises the Library Commission on trends, issues and library service needs. The Council meets three times per year (March, June or July, and November).

Rivkah Sass to Speak at the League of Nebraska Municipalities Conference

Rivkah Sass (former Omaha Public Library Director) will be one of the speakers at the League of Nebraska Municipalities Conference, Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, Lincoln on February 22nd with the topic of: What is the Future of the Information Age and the Role of Public Libraries? Are books and literacy as we know them ending? If your mayor or an elected or appointed official is attending, the public library director may attend this session at no cost (FREE). Municipalities from your community may have representatives attending, and if the library director is not attending as one of the department heads from your city, it might be good to follow-up after the League conference since the topic of one of the main sessions is the future of libraries. For more information contact the LONM at (402)476-2829 or by e-mail: info@lonm.org.*

2010 Notable Books List: the best in fiction, non-fiction and poetry

The 2010 selections for the Notable Books List—a source for very good and very important fiction, non-fiction and poetry for the nation's adult readers—have been announced by the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA). Since 1944, the Notable Books Council has annually selected a list of 25 very good, very readable and at times very important fiction, nonfiction and poetry books for the adult reader. Books may be selected because they possess exceptional literary merit; expand the horizons of human knowledge; make a specialized body of knowledge accessible to the non-specialist; have the potential to contribute significantly to the solution of a contemporary problem; and/or present a unique concept.

The winners were selected by the Notable Books Council, a group of RUSA members and readers' advisory experts from around the country. This year's committee included Alicia Ahlvers, chair, Kansas City Public Library; Susie Brown, Shaker Heights Public Library; Julie Elliott, Indiana University-South Bend; Lucy Lockley, St. Charles City-County Library District; Valerie Taylor, Lewisville Community Library; Elizabeth Olesh, Nassau Library System; Jessica Pigza, New York Public Library; Nancy Pearl; A. Issac Pulver, Saratoga Springs Public Library; Heather Robideaux, Fayetteville Public Library; Nonny Schlotzhauer, Pennsylvania State University; and Andrea Slonosky.

The 2010 winners are:

Fiction:

- Anthony, Jessica. *The Convalescent*. McSweeney's. 9781934781104
- Atwood, Margaret. The Year of the Flood: A Novel. Doubleday/Nan A. Talese. 9780385528771
- Baker, Nicholson. *The Anthologist: A Novel*. Simon & Schuster. 9781416572442.
- Chaon, Dan. Await Your Reply: A Novel. Ballantine. 9780345476029.
- Cleave, Chris. *Little Bee: A Novel*. Simon & Schuster. 9781416589631.
- Dexter, Pete. *Spooner*. Grand Central. 9780446540728.
- Harding, Paul. *Tinkers*. Bellevue Literary Press. 9781934137123.
- Li, Yiyun. *The Vagrants: A Novel*. Random. 9781400063130.
- McCann, Colum. Let the Great World Spin: A Novel. Random. 9781400063734.
- Morrison, Toni. A Mercy: A Novel. Knopf. 9780307264237
- Powers, Richard. *Generosity: An Enhancement*. Farrar, Straus & Giroux. 9780374161149.
- Tóibín, Colm. *Brooklyn: A Novel*. Scribner. 9781439138311.

Non-Fiction:

- Cullen, Dave. *Columbine*. Twelve. 9780446546935.
- Eggers, Dave. *Zeitoun*. McSweeney's. 9781934781630.
- Finkel, David. *The Good Soldiers*. Farrar, Straus & Giroux. 9780374165734.
- Grann, David. *The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly Obsession in the Amazon*. Doubleday. 9780385513531.
- Guibert, Emmanuel. *The Photographer: Into War-torn Afghanistan with Doctors Without Borders*. First Second. 9781596433755.
 - Holmes, Richard. *The Age of Wonder: How the Romantic Generation Discovered the Beauty and Terror of Science.* Pantheon 9780375422225
- Keefe, Patrick Radden. Snakehead: An Epic Tale of the Chinatown Underworld & the American Dream.
 Doubleday. 9780385521307.



- McDougall, Christopher. Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen. Knopf. 978-0307266309.
- Norman, Michael and Elizabeth M. Tears in the Darkness: The Story of the Bataan Death March and Its Aftermath. Farrar, Straus & Giroux. 9780374272609.
- Salisbury, Lainey and Aly Sujo. Provenance: How a Con Man & A Forger Rewrote the History of Modern Art. Penguin. 9781594202209.
- Small, David. *Stitches: A Memoir*. Norton. 9780393068573.
- Thompson, Nicholas. The Hawk and the Dove: Paul Nitze, George Kennan, and the History of the Cold War. Holt. 978-0805081428.

Poetry:

- Alexie, Sherman. *Face*. Hanging Loose Press. 9781931236706.
- Dunn, Stephen. What Goes On: Selected and New Poems 1995-2009. Norton. 978039306775

2010 Reading List



The Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) has announced its selection for the 2010 Reading List, one of the literary awards administered by the Collection Development and Evaluation Section (CODES) of RUSA. The Reading List annually recognizes the best books in eight genres: adrenaline (which includes suspense, thriller, and adventure), fantasy, historical fiction, horror, mystery, romance, science fiction, and women's fiction. This year's list includes novels that will please die-hard fans as well as introduce new readers to the pleasures of genre fiction.

The winning titles were selected by the Reading List Council, whose members include Joyce Saricks, Chair, Downers Grove, IL; Jacqueline Sasaki, Vice-Chair, Ann Arbor District Library; Jennifer Baker, Seattle Public Library; Kathleen Collins, University of Washington Libraries, Seattle; Mari Miller-Lamb, Long Island University, Brooklyn; Sharron Smith, Kitchener Public Library; Tapley Trudell, San Antonio Public Library; Kimberly Wells, Denton Public Library; Neal Wyatt, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA; and Alan Ziebarth, Chicago Public Library.

The 2010 winners are:

Adrenaline

- Gone Tomorrow by Lee Child, Delacorte Press, 9780385340571
- r antasy
- Lamentation by Ken Scholes, Tor, 9780765321275

Historical Fiction

• Agincourt by Bernard Cornwell, Harper, 9780061578915

Horror

• Last Days by Brian Evenson, Underland Press, 9780980226003

Mystery

• A Beautiful Place to Die by Malla Nunn, Atria, 9781416586203

Romance

• What Happens in London by Julia Quinn, Avon, 9780061491887

Science Fiction

• *The Windup Girl* by Paolo Bacigalupi, Night Shade Books, 9781597801577

Women's Fiction

• Very Valentine by Adriana Trigiani, Harper, 9780061257056

ALA Award Winners Announced

• John Newbery Medal

"When You Reach Me" written by Rebecca Stead

• Randolph Caldecott Medal

"The Lion & the Mouse" illustrated and written by Jerry Pinkney

• Michael L. Printz Award

"Going Bovine" written by Libba Bray

• Coretta Scott King (Author) Book Award

"Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal" written by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

• Coretta Scott King (Illustrator) Book Award

"My People" illustrated by Charles R. Smith Jr., written by Langston Hughes

• Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Author Award

"The Rock and the River" written by Kekla Magoon

• Coretta Scott King – Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement

Walter Dean Myers

• Pura Belpré (Illustrator) Award

"Book Fiesta!: Celebrate Children's Day/Book Day; Celebremos El día de los niños/El día de los libros," illustrated by Rafael López

• Pura Belpré (Author) Award

"Return to Sender" by written Julia Alvarez

Schneider Family Book Award

"Django" written and illustrated by Bonnie Christensen

"Anything but Typical" written by Nora Raleigh Baskin

Marcelo in the Real World," written by Francisco X. Stork

• William C. Morris Award

"Flash Burnout," written by L.K. Madigan

Odyssey Award

"Louise, the Adventures of a Chicken" written by Kate DiCamillo and narrated by Barbara Rosenblat

Theodor Seuss Geisel Award

"Benny and Penny in the Big No-No!," written and illustrated by Geoffrey Hayes

• Margaret A. Edwards Award

Jim Murphy

Robert F. Sibert Medal

"Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream," written by Tanya Lee Stone

YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Award

"Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith," written by Deborah Heiligman

• Andrew Carnegie Medal

"Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!," produced by Paul R. Gagne and Mo Willems of Weston Woods

• Mildred L. Batchelder Award

"A Faraway Island", originally published in Swedish as "En ö i havet," was written by Annika Thor, translated by Linda Schenck

CURRENT GRANT INFORMATION—APPLY NOW!

Dollar General and ALA Renew Literacy Partnership - 70 Grants Now Available for Public Libraries Serving Adult English Language Learners

The American Library Association (ALA) received a \$750,000 two year grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to continue "The American Dream Starts @ your library". This new round of funding will help 70 public libraries in Dollar



General communities expand their literacy services for adult English language learners. To be eligible, the applicant institution must be a public library or a public library with a bookmobile providing literacy services for adult English language learners, and must be within 20 miles of a Dollar General Store, distribution center, or corporate office. Each funded library will receive a onetime \$5,000 grant. In 2007, ALA received a similar grant from Dollar General for resource development and library mini grants. In 2008, ALA funded 34 public libraries in 18 states serving communities from under 850 to over a million. Funds were used for collections, outreach, technology, media promotion, and more! Applications for funding are being accepted online through Sunday, February 28, 2010. Selected applicants will be notified in April, 2010. To learn more about the American Dream Starts @ your library, the mini grants and to apply online, please visit www.americandreamtoolkit.

Education and Literacy Grants — WHO Foundation

Web Site• http://www.whofoundation.org/Funding/WHO FundingEd.asp

The WHO Foundation provides up to \$5,000 to organizations dedicated to improving literacy skills in children. Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) nonprofits and free afterschool organizations who plan to implement or expand education or literacy programs for low-income children of all ages. In order to qualify for funding, an organization must be qualified to receive deductible charitable contributions and have been incorporated for a minimum of three years prior to application.

Picturing America Grants Available to Nebraska Public Libraries

The ALA Public Programs Office and the National Endowment for the Humanities are pleased to announce a new grant opportunity for public libraries that received the NEH's Picturing America collection of American artwork. Grants of \$2,000 will be distributed to 30 public libraries to support public programs that highlight the Picturing America collection. **Applications will be accepted though March 31** at www.programminglibrarian.org/ picturingamerica.

To be eligible, the proposed program or program series must feature humanities content and include use of the Picturing America collection. All programs must take place July 1, 2010 – January 31, 2011 and be open to public audiences. Some examples of eligible programs include: scholarly lectures, panel discussions, reading and discussion series, film viewing and discussion, poetry programs and exhibits. In June 2010, the National Endowment for the Humanities will announce the 30 libraries selected to receive the programming grants. Libraries can find programming ideas and the online application at www.programminglibrarian.org/ picturingamerica.

Picturing America, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities, has provided masterpieces of American art to more than 50,000 classrooms and libraries nationwide. Through the program, students and citizens gain a deeper appreciation of our country's history and character through the study and understanding of its art. For more information about Picturing America visit http://picturingamerica.neh.gov.

Teen Tech Week 2010 is March 7-13!

Teen Tech Week is a national initiative aimed at teens, librarians, educators, parents, and other concerned adults meant to encourage teens to take advantage of libraries' nonprint resources. The 2010 theme — Learn Create Share @ your library — fosters teen creativity and positions the library as a physical and virtual place for safe exploration of the many types of technology available at libraries, including DVDs, music, gaming, video production, online homework help, social networking, tech workshops, audiobooks and more.



About Teen Tech Week

Teen Tech Week is a national initiative sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association and is aimed at teens, their parents, educators and other concerned adults. The purpose of the initiative is to ensure that teens are competent and ethical users of technologies, especially those that are offered through libraries such as DVDs, databases, audiobooks, and videogames. Teen Tech Week encourages teens to use libraries' nonprint resources for education and recreation, and to recognize that librarians are qualified, trusted professionals in the field of information technology. Teen Tech Week began in 2007 and has a general theme of Get Connected @ your library. Teens' use of nonprint resources has increased dramatically in recent years, yet more teens are doing this from home instead of the library. According to a recent study by Harris Interactive, in 2005, 86% of youth aged 8-18 have a computer in their home, and 74% have Internet access in their home. On average, 8-18 year olds spend 6 hours and 21 minutes per day using media (including TV, video/DVDs/movies, video games, audio media, computers and print media). Furthermore, according to the Pew Internet and American Life Project, 71% of teens report that the Internet is their primary source for completing school projects. Yet multiple studies have shown that the majority of teens lack the critical thinking skills and technical expertise to use the Internet and other electronic resources effectively. Teens need to know that the library is a trusted resource for accessing information and that librarians are the experts who can help them develop the skills they need to use electronic resources effectively and efficiently.

Teens, in order to gain the skills necessary to compete in today's job market, need access to digital and online information and trained professionals who can help them use these resources effectively, efficiently and ethically. Librarians and educators know this and work with teens on a regular basis to ensure they develop these skills. Teen Tech Week is a chance for libraries to throw open their physical & virtual doors and show their communities all the great things they're doing for teens with technology.

Go to http://lita.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teentechweek/ttw10/home10.cfm to register and to access the logo, obtain resources and programming ideas, and to download Teen Tech Week products.

Magazines for Middle Schools

A Nebraska school librarian recently posted a question to the NEMA mailing list asking librarians their suggestions for favorite magazines for middle schools. Several librarians responded to the question. The titles most suggested were: Shonen Jump, J-14, Sports Illustrated, ESPN, Game Pro, Girls Life, Twist, Six-7-8. Also suggested--Game Informer, Skateboarder, Automobile, Dog Fancy, Cat Fancy, People Style Watch, Justine, Teen Vogue, Ride BMX, Word Up!, Twist, Hot Rod, Outdoor Life, Field & Stream, People, Seventeen, LaTeen, Bop, Discovery Girls, Kiki, M Magazine, Motorcyclist, Sports Illustrated for Kids, WWE Kids, Lego Magazine, and Dirt Bike.

Save the Date for the Paraprofessional Spring Meeting!

http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/PARA/paraspringmeeting.html

Get ready to learn new tricks and earn Continuing Education credits enjoyably at this year's Paraprofessional Spring Meeting, which will be held at the Nebraska Library Commission in Lincoln on **Thursday, March 18**, **2010**, from 9:45 am to 1 pm, Central Time, followed by our section's annual General Meeting. (**Please note new starting time.**) **This year we are using a new online live webinar format designed to allow participants to "attend" the meeting conveniently from their own desks; all you need is an internet connection! Get together with colleagues or watch on your own. Group viewings will be held in Lincoln at the Nebraska Library Commission (1200 N St.) and in Omaha at the Eastern Library System offices (11929 Elm Street, Suite 18, just off 120th and West Center Road); other get-togethers can be arranged upon request.**

Our theme this year is *Information, Education, & Motivation @ Your Library*. On the program:

- Check-in/Log-in: 9:30-9:45 a.m.
- Remarks by Scott Childers, NLA President: 9:45-10:00 a.m.
- Welcome from Para Chair, Angela Kroeger: 10:00-10:05 a.m.

Session I: "Searching 2.0" 10:05-10:55 a.m.

presented by Michael Sauers, Technology Innovation Librarian, Nebraska Library Commission Trainer Michael Sauers applies the super-search strategies he is known for to the latest generation of Web tools. Blogs, RSS, Flickr, podcasting, mashups, the read/write Web, Google, visual search engines, folksonomies, Firefox Search Plugins, Del.icio.us, and more. Irreverent and fun, this presentation will expose you to some of the more recent tools that make the most of the Web 2.0 environment: from improving basic search skills and evaluating search results to making the best use of search engines, both common and cutting-edge. Sauers will also show you how best to organize your resources for quick access at the reference desk.

Session II: "Give Up to Go Up: Leading from Within" 11:00-11:50 a.m.

presented by Dr. Rebecca Pasco, Coordinator of Library Science Education Programs, University of Nebraska @Omaha

Dr. Pasco will discuss the importance and significance of "letting go" in order to be an effective leader. This is a motivational presentation for folks whose heavy loads are "self-inflicted" because they won't or can't say no, or won't or can't prioritize. Are you one of them? Help is at hand!

Session III: "There's a Wiki in the Library!" 12:00 ♠ 12:50 p.m.

presented by Gregory Sunderman, Instructional Designer, Northeast Community College

Learn innovative ways to use wikis in a library setting. Manage library documents, create policy

archives' or simply communicate. Greg Sunderman will show you the ins and outs of the library

wiki!

Paraprofessionals Spring General Meeting 1:00-1:45 p.m.

Angela Kroeger, Paraprofessional Chair, will guide us through our annual spring meeting. Those who have paid for lunch at the Omaha or Lincoln site will have lunch at this time. If you prefer, you may bring your own lunch.

Enjoy this opportunity to learn new things, network with other library people, and earn CE credits (3 hours for the day), without driving miles! Scholarships are available. For more information and a registration form, see http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/PARA/paraspringmeeting.html or contact Martha Grenzeback, Spring Meeting Chair, at graymatters@windstream.net or 402-250-7230 402-250-7230.

One Book One Nebraska 2010

One Book One Nebraska 2010 invites citizens across the state to read *The Home Place*, by Wright Morris, a native of Central City, Nebraska. This "photo-text" is an account in first-person narrative and photographs of the one-day visit of Clyde Muncy to "the home place" at Lone Tree, Nebraska. A ground-breaking work, it has been called "as near to a new fiction form as you could get."

The Nebraska Center for the Book board selected *The Home Place* for Nebraska's statewide read to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Wright Morris. Morris is regarded as one of America's most gifted novelists and photographers. Internationally recognized, he received the National Book Award in 1957 for *The Field of Vision* and the American Book Award in 1981 for *Plains Song*. Morris utilizes his Nebraska and Great Plains boyhood experiences as themes in his work. 2010 One Book One Nebraska is hosted by the Lone Tree Literary Society, www.wrightmorris.org, and sponsored by a coalition of organizations including the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Humanities Council, Nebraska Library Association, Nebraska Library Commission, and University of Nebraska Press.

Libraries across Nebraska are joining the Lone Tree Literary Society and other literary and cultural organizations in planning book discussions, activities, and events that will encourage Nebraskans to read and discuss this book. The Lone Tree Literary Society will sponsor activities throughout the year to help highlight One Book One Nebraska, including the Wright Morris Centennial Year Conference on October 9, 2010. Support materials to assist with local reading/discussion activities are available at http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/onebook/2010/get_involved.htm. Gov. Dave Heineman launched the statewide initiative with a proclamation encouraging all residents of Nebraska to participate by reading the book, joining community book discussion groups, and participating in local community events. A Website, hosted at the Nebraska Library Commission, can be accessed at onebookonenebraska.org. It features book discussion materials, a downloadable poster and press kit to help with publicity, information for library loan of book club kits, and a calendar of events. The site also includes information about how to schedule an event in your community and how to apply for funding from the Nebraska Humanities Council for a program on Wright Morris. See www.nebraskahumanities.org/speakers/speakers/ntml and www.nebraskahumanities.org/speakers/ntml and www.nebraskahumanities.org/speakers/ntml and www.nebraskahumanities.org/speakers/ntml and www.nebraskahumanities.org/speakers/ntml and www.

One Book For Nebraska Teens 2010-2012

Wouldn't it be great if kids all over Nebraska were talking about books? The Nebraska Library Commission & the Regional Library Systems have a program where kids can all read and discuss the same book. This year's book is aimed at high school age Nebraska teens. *Unwind*, by Neal Shusterman, tells of a future America where parents can choose to have their children between the ages of 13 – 18, "unwound" (their body parts are harvested and given to others). Connor, 16, is shocked when his parents tell him they decided to have him unwound. He runs away and strives to survive, encountering others like himself. The Nebraska Library Commission is distributing book bags containing fourteen paperback copies, along with discussion questions and background information. To borrow the book bags, contact Nebraska Library Commission Information and Reference Services, 402-471-4016 402-471-4016, 800-307-2665 800-307-2665, e-mail, or the Regional Library System offices. For more information contact Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission Coordinator of Children and Young Adult Library Services, 402-471-4003 402-471-4003, 800-307-2665 800-307-2665. Guidelines can be found here. This is a thought-provoking book to read anytime and librarians may borrow the book set whenever it is available and fits into their library or school's schedule. The Library Commission has many other book bags available - check them out here.

Panhandle Library System Board Minutes, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 Bluffs Business Center, Scottsbluff, NE

President Vickie Retzlaff called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Board members present: Rick Caudillo, Terry Christensen, Lori Hartman, Kendra Caskey, Glenda Gamby, Vickie Retzlaff, Dixie Riley, Sue Shaver, and Beth Trupp. Floyd Smith III was absent. Also present were Margie Harrison and Jeralyn Clapper.

The November 10, 2009 agenda was approved. Glenda Gamby made the motion and Beth Trupp seconded it.

The minutes from the last meeting, September 8, 2009 were approved. Lori Hartman made the motion and Dixie Riley seconded it.

Round Table: Terry reported the Alliance High School received another \$20,000 grant from a prominent family in the area who had already donated \$100,000 previously. The Alliance Public Library's 100th yr celebration was a huge success. Sue reported there were research projects going on at the Hemingford High School Library and they are looking for teen (male) material. The Elementary School received a \$30,000 grant for the Title Program. Their fall Book Fair went well. Rick reported the Banner County School had an excellent Book Fair using Scholastic, which was scheduled the same time as the parent-teacher conferences. The profit will be used to help stock shelves. They have started an Advisory and a Tutoring program. The library also has a mobile computer cart with 26 Del Notebooks used primarily for the Spanish program.

PLS Committees:

The Annual Meeting Committee - Dixie reported that the committee has decided to hold the 2010 Annual Meeting at Bridgeport, NE. CE/Tech Committee - Margie reported that the committee is still checking into Open Source software. The Shared Automation System Survey results were included in the board packet for members to review. Public Relations Committee - Beth reported the committee will be meeting in December to discuss a children's author for the tour. Scholarship Committee - Glenda reported there are no applications for scholarships at this time.

Nebraska Library Commission: Rod Wagner asked Margie to give the NLC report in his behalf. Margie reported the finance status of NLC, which is a possible 2.5% budget cut for this fiscal year and a 5% cut for next year.

PLS Coordinator's Report: Margie gave an update on workshops, library visits, meetings, the Ellen Klages tour, and our new website that went live 11/9/09.

Budget: Margie went over the revised budget using the budgeting component in QuickBooks.

New Business:

PLS Plan of Service: It was decided that the board members should break into groups and go over the 2007-2009 Plan of Service to see if there should be any changes. Group I – Training, Consulting, Support - Glenda, Lori, Dixie Group II – Planning, Development, Coordination – Margie, Beth, Rick, Sue Group III – Promotion, Advocacy, Communication – Vickie, Kendra, Terry A new 2009-2010 Plan of Service reflecting all changes will be included in the next board packet.

PLS Technology Plan: Vickie made a motion to approve and adopt the new PLS Technology Plan. Glenda approved the motion and Kendra seconded it. It was a unanimous "Aye" vote.

Other discussion: It was brought to the board's attention that communication from NLC regarding the Ellen Klages Author Tour was weak in some areas.

Upcoming Events /Announcements: The Alliance Public Library is holding Basic Skills training on Nov, 5th, 12th, and 19th. Don't forget to RSVP for Job-a Likes and Public Librarians Meetings at the PLS office.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

The next PLS board meeting will be January 12, 2010 at the Bluffs Business Center, main floor conference room at 10:00 a.m. It was mentioned that we have it at the West Nebraska Family Research and History Center, but we need to check with Floyd first. Board members will be contacted if the location changes.

PLS Summer Reading Program

Monday

March 22, 2010



"Make a Splash-READ!"

LOCATION: Gering Public Library

1055 P Street

Gering, NE 69341

TIME: 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

LUNCH: On your own, but burry back for some prizes and fun.

CE HOURS: 5.25

PRESENTERS: Sally Snyder, from the Nebraska Library

Commission, will give book reviews on great

summer reads.

Jody Crocker from the McCook Public Library will

present a skit, some crafts, activities, games, snack

ideas and a surprise.

PLS Libraries Panel- Four libraries share ideas

for some terrific summer reading programs-

Lied Scottsbluff Public Library

Gering Public Library

Sidney Public Library

Goodall City Library

Librarian Share Time-Bring a book, craft, program, or any other idea you would like to share.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

WORKSHOP

"MAKE A SPLASH - READ!"

GERING PUBLIC LIBRARY

AGENDA:	
9:00 - 9:30	SIGN IN, GET SOME COFFEE AND A ROLL, CHAT WITH EACH OTHER, AND USE THE ACCUCUT MACHINE.
9:30 - 9:45	WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: MARGIE HARRISON
9:45 - 10:45	JODY CROCKER: SRP CRAFT AND PROJECT IDEAS
10:45 - 11:00	BREAK
11:00 - 12:15	SALLY SNYDER: BOOK REVIEWS
12:15 - 12:30	AWARD FIRST GROUP OF PRIZES
12:30 - 1:30	LUNCH IS ON YOUR OWN – HURRY BACK AND USE THE ACCUCUT MACHINE AND CHAT WITH FRIENDS.
1:30 - 2:30	MORE WITH JODY CROCKER
2:30 - 3:30	PLS LIBRARIES PANEL – FOUR LIBRARIES SHARE IDEAS FOR SOME TERRIFIC SUMMER READING PROGRAMS.
3:30 - 3:45	LIBRARIAN SHARE TIME AND AWARD FINAL GROUP OF PRIZES.



Job-a-like

Everyone is invited-You'll want to attend this one!

Where: NORTH PLATTE VALLEY MUSEUM

11th & J Streets Gering, NE 69341

When: Tuesday, March 23, 2010

5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$8.50 for dinner - Catered by The Gering Civic Center

We will be serving chicken salad, broccoli salad, pasta salad, and ice tea.

Make any checks out to: The North Platte Valley Museum

The program will feature a tour of the museum, library and archives, including oral histories, bound newspapers, and photographs of the early Gering/Scottsbluff days.

RSVP: By March 18, 2010 to the PLS Office at 1517 Broadway, Suite 129, Scottsbluff, NE.

Phone 308-632-1350, Toll free 888-879-5303, Fax 308-632-3978 E-mail: |clapper@charterinternet.com



Panhandle Library System

Librarians Meeting

If you are a public librarian or any PLS member, you are invited to attend one or all of the library meetings held throughout the Panhandle. Earn CE credit for attending.



When: Thursday, April 1, 2010

Location: Chadron Public Library

507 Bordeaux Street Chadron, NE 69337

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Topic: Security issues for staff, patrons, building, and library

materials. (2 CE hours)

Come join the Fun!

Please register 5 days before your meeting, with the Panhandle Library System office. Toll free 888-879-5303, Phone 308-632-1350, Fax 308-632-3978. Margie's E-mail: marjorie.harrison@nebraska.gov or Jeri's E-mail: jclapper@charterinternet.com

Basic Skills 2010

BASIC SKILLS Training

Topic: Organization of Materials

Organization of Library Materials covers:

- Basic principles of organization in libraries
- Subject cataloging
- Dewey Decimal Classification and other organizational systems
- Cataloging for automated and/or cooperative systems
- Library automation systems

Wednesdays - March 31, April 7, April 14

Location: Alliance Public Library Avenue, Suite 101, Alliance, NE 69301

Times each day: 10:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35.00 - includes instructional materials that will be provided to each participant. Payment is due prior to the first class.

Please register via the NLC website at:

http://www.nlc.state.ne.us_and click on "Library Training"

Panhandle Library System

Using New Technologies in Your Library - A Workshop

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010



Location: Kimball Public Library

208 S. Walnut

Kimball, NE 69145

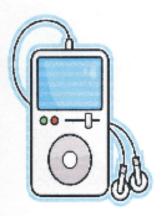
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon (2 CE hours)

Topic: E-books, E-readers, Downloadable audio books

Come to the Kimball Public Library to learn how libraries are using the latest mobile devices like the Kindle & Sony Reader. You will also learn about e-books and downloadable audio books, and how libraries are providing these services to patrons. Our three presenters come from libraries in the Panhandle, and they use these services in their libraries on a regular basis.

Stacle Hermes—Potter Public Library (Kindle, Sony Reader)
Pat Gross—Gering High School & Freshman Academy (E-Books)
Jana Kehn—Lied Scottsbluff Public Library (Downloadable Audiobooks)
There will be time for discussion following the three presentations.

While you are learning all about the latest technology for libraries, you'll also want to say good-bye to Carolyn Brown. She is moving to Texas soon, so we are hosting a farewell celebration for Carolyn at the workshop.



Register by Thursday, February 18, 2010 with the PLS office, Toll free 888-879-5303, Ph 308-632-1350 Fax 308-632-3978 or jelapper@charterinternet.com

Trustee Training and Board

Development

Sponsored by Nebraska Regional

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Presenter: Jim Connor, Trustee

College Consulting Team

Jim has worked with the US Chamber of Commerce and served as a Trustee for the Jefferson County Public Library (CO). He received the ALA Trustee Award in 2005 for his activities and training for library boards.

Audience: Boards of Trustees and Library Directors

Workshop Goals:

- · Trustees will understand their roles and responsibilities
- Trustees will understand the library director's roles and responsibilities
- · Trustees will conduct effective meetings
- · Trustees will become advocates for the library
- Trustees will recognize and utlize their power as an administrative board

Offered at two locations. Please note the cost difference.

April 26, 2010

Wahoo Public Library

North Platte Community College

62.7 N Broadway, Wahoo, NE

Cost: \$15.00

Cost \$5

4:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Morning Session

12:00—1:00 p.m. Lunch included

1:00—4:00 p.m. Afternoon Session

1:00—4:00 p.m. Afternoon Session

Mail registration to: Meridian Library System 3423 2nd Avenue, Suite 6 Kearney, NE 68847 Or Phone: 1-800-657-2192 308-234-2087 Email: meridian@frontiernet.ne

Registration:		
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Library:	· .	Wahoo Location \$15
City:		North Platte Location \$5
Phone:		This program is spansored by the Nebraska Library commission and funded in part with
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June 14-15

W.H. Thompson Alumni Center
University of Nebraska at Omaha

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2010 Heartland School Library Conference		Registration Form
First Name:	Last Name:	
School District:		

INFORMATION ABOUT SERVING ON THE PANHANDLE LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD

What is the role of the System Board?

The Ten System Board members are responsible for planning cooperative services and programs that will improve library services for all residents of the Panhandle. It is the governing body of the Panhandle Library System with responsibilities that include approval of policies, plans and budgets. Terms are 3 years, and members may serve up to two consecutive terms.

How often does the Board meet?

The Board meets every other month, beginning in July, generally at the PLS Annual Meeting. Meetings are usually in Scottsbluff, but may take place in other locations. There is no salary for serving on the Board, but mileage is reimbursed.

Who is eligible to serve on the System Board?

Representation of a variety of library interests is assured by having 4 members from specific geographic locations (**District A**: Sioux, Dawes, Sheridan, Box Butte counties; **District B**: Banner, Morrill, Scotts Bluff counties; **District C**: Kimball, Cheyenne, Duel counties; **District D**: Garden, Grant, Arthur, Keith counties) two from public libraries; two from school libraries; one from academic/special libraries; one at large. Board members do not have to be employed at a library, except those representing a library type.

When is the election?

Since Board terms are staggered, there is an election every year. After the nomination period has ended, a ballot will be provided for each Panhandle Library System member agency. Each agency is allowed one ballot, and votes may be cast for any nominee. Winners are announced in May and take their positions on July 1st.

Who is currently on the PLS Board? (name is followed by end of term date, 1st or 2nd term.)

Vickie Retzlaff, rep. District D, (2010, 2rd); Glenda Gamby, rep. Academic/Special, (2010, 1st); Terry Christensen, rep. School Library, (2010, 1st); Lori Hartman, rep. Public Library, (2012, 1st); Kendra Caskey, rep. Public Library, (2011, 1st); Sue Shaver, rep. District A, (2012, 1st); Dixie Riley, rep. District C, (2011, 1st); Floyd Smith III, rep. District B, (2011, 1st); Rick Caudillo, rep. School Library, (2012, 1st); Beth Trupp, rep. At Large, (2011, 1st);

We encourage you to get involved in your System by serving on the Board or nominating someone.

PANHANDLE LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

Do you know someone who is committed to the quality of library services in the Panhandle region and would be interested in serving on the PLS Board? If so, please nominate that person for one of the three-year terms beginning July 1, 2010. See the back of this sheet for details regarding the position.

Those nominated must be from the category as described below:

Position 1: District D: - Garden, Grant, Arthur, Keith counties. Nominee doesn't have to be a library employee. Current member's 2yr term is expiring.

Position 2: Academic/Special Librarian: Nominee must be an academic/special librarian. Current member's lyr term is expiring.

Position 3: School Librarian: Nominee must be a school librarian. Current member's lyr term is expiring.

I would like to nominate the following person for a three-year term on the PLS Board:

Name of nominee		
Position # (see above)	
Address		
Phone	Email	
Contributions that can	be made by this person:	
I have con	tacted this person, and he/she is willing to se	erve on the PLS Board.
Nominated by (if diffe	rent from nominee);	

Please mail or fax this form by April 1, 2010 to:

Phone

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Deuel, Garden, Grant, Keith, Kimball,

Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan and Sioux

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